

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Brent at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, absent; Robbins, aye. President Brent declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Grimm, S. Richard, D. Buss, J. Nichols, J. Bradburn, T. Hanson, M. Frakes, J. Farniok, J. Burrell and approximately 15 staff and community members.

ROLL CALL

President Brent then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Board President Brent recognized the West Central High School staff for recently being designated as an ISBE 2011 “Academic Improvement Award” winner. President Brent read to the audience a letter of congratulations that he wrote on behalf of the board and presented that letter to the high school staff members in attendance.
- The board recognized WCHS junior Colin Rothzen for his recent participation in the IHSA State Bowling Tournament.
- The board recognized WCHS boys bowling coach for being selected as bowling coach of the year by two different organizations.
- Cherry Simmons reported to the board that former WCHS student, Josie Grant is currently studying art in France this semester.
- Mr. Buss reported that the artwork in the elementary gym has been completed and looks great. The artwork in the cafeteria has also begun.
- Ms. Lewis and her students sold suckers in the elementary as a Valentine Days program and raised over \$200 for the local food pantries.
- Darren Webb was named Athlete of the Week by the Review Atlas.
- The FBLA organization participated in competition and returned with several awards including 3 first place awards.
- The 7th grade boys basketball team took first place in the Sand Valley Conference.
- Tammy Rankin was named the WMOI/WRAM Teacher of the Week.
- Terri Copeland will be presenting at a professional workshop in Chicago during the month of March.

A. John entered 6:13 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to approve the agenda with the following modifications: X (E). Tabled the Bid for Utility Tractor XV(D-4). Withdrew Volunteer Softball Coach Request at the request of Jenna Crouch. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J.

APPROVE AGENDA

Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; Motion carried.

The board was also informed that possibly there would be an additional resignation to act upon following the completion of closed session

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION

Under recognition of audience request for participation, the board heard remarks from WCMS teacher Terri Copeland concerning the five year contract for Superintendent Grimm. They also heard remarks from district resident Carl Swon on the same topic.

AUDIENCE
REQUEST

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Robbins, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the consent agenda (The minutes of the January 18, 2012 regular meeting; The minutes of the January 21, 2012 special meeting; The minutes of the January 30, 2012 special meeting; The minutes of the February 9, 2012 special meeting; The minutes of the February 13, 2012 special meeting; The minutes of the January 18, 2012 closed session; The minutes of the January 21, 2012 closed session; The minutes of the January 30, 2012 closed session; The minutes of the February 9, 2012 closed session; The minutes of the February 13, 2012 closed session; The 2011-12 Seniority Lists for Support Staff and Certified Personnel). Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Motion by Anderson seconded by Goff to approve the payment of all bills as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, abstain; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to approve the activity account summaries for January 2012 for WCE, WCMS and WCHS as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson to approve the January 2012 treasurer's report as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

The board heard that as of the end of January actual expenditures and revenue to budget should be 58.33%. It was noted that actual expenditures were 54.57% of budget and actual revenue received was 55.73% of budget as of the end of January 2012. Supt. Grimm also reported that as of February 15, 2012, the State has vouchered but not yet paid District #235 \$318,524.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the three-year district technology plan as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

TECH PLAN

Motion by John, seconded by J. Arnold to approve the request to graduate at the end of her seventh semester submitted by Kiley Thornton as long as all WCHS graduation requirements are met by that time. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

EARLY GRADUATION

Motion by Robbins, seconded by John to approve the request of WCHS student Emilie Norzagaray to take dual classes during the morning at SCC beginning next fall and then returning to WCHS in the afternoon to complete her school day as presented. Roll call: J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

PART TIME STUDENT

Motion by Anderson, seconded by John to accept a quote from Kleine Equipment of Galesburg, IL for a John Deere tractor and mowing deck in the amount of \$14,953.04 as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

JD TRACTOR & DECK

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to accept a quote from Hobson's Sales & Service of Raritan, IL for a 15' grooming mower in the amount of \$12,305.78 as presented. Roll call: Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye. Motion carried.

15' GROOMING MOWER

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson to declare the following pieces of district equipment as surplus property for the purpose of selling it at auction: Delta Milwaukee wood lathe, J-Line jigsaw from Broadhead-Garrett Co, Rockwell/Delta Uniplane, Craftsman Wood Lathe, Delta Rockwell Wood Lathe, Delta Rockwell Tablesaw, Kick-wheel for pottery, Smack electric ceramic kiln, Paragon electric kiln for ceramics, 4/8 foot sign from the Southern School District, Athletic whirlpool, West Central Jr. High track sweats, and a Maytag gas range as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

REPORTS

The board heard summaries of the written principals reports submitted by Mr. Buss, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Bradburn.

REPORTS

The board heard a few comments from Supt. Grimm relative to the curriculum items that he has been working on since the January board meeting.

The board reviewed Mrs. Frakes' district technology report. Mrs. Frakes highlighted for the board that the number of "hits" on the district's website has increased by over 110,000 as compared to this time last year.

Mrs. Farniok highlighted her special education report for the board.

Mrs. Jessica Burrell reported to the board on the status of the West Central Early Childhood Program. Mrs. Burrell reported on our current student numbers, the type of program that is being offered and reported how our program will be evaluated. The board was also informed that the early childhood program will be visited by monitors that have been contracted by ISBE to evaluate the program sometime in the next week. This will be the second time the program has been evaluated using a recently approved evaluation model from ISBE. It was also pointed out by Supt. Grimm that it appears that funding for the Pre K program will continue for the next several years at the level of funding that we are receiving this year.

PRE K REPORT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board briefly reviewed the proposed 2012-13 school calendar. As a result of this discussion, the board directed Supt. Grimm to bring the calendar back to the March board meeting as a consent agenda item for approval. Some highlights of the proposed calendar include the following:

2012-13
CALENDAR

- A starting date of Wednesday, August 15, 2012 as a teacher's institute.
- The first day of student attendance in Thursday, August 16, 2012.
- Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 12, 2012 as a holiday.
- A "not in attendance" day will be taken on Friday, November 16, 2012.
- Christmas break will begin on Saturday, December 22, 2012.
- Students and Staff will return to school from Christmas break on Thursday, January 3, 2013.
- An ending date, assuming all five emergency days are used will be Friday, May 24, 2013. If there are no emergency days used, then the last day of school will be Friday, May 17, 2013.

The board heard some comments from Supt. Grimm regarding the evaluation process that is currently in place for the district administrators. That conversation also included some information concerning the new principal evaluation process that will be in place on September 1, 2012.

ADM
EVALUATION
PROCESS

The board had a brief discussion about possibly conducting exit surveys on students who have left the district. As a result of this conversation, the board directed Supt. Grimm to research this topic to determine what other districts might be doing in this regard and then report back to the board his findings of those inquiries.

EXIT SURVEYS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Under future agenda items, the board requested having a conversation regarding a district planning retreat and process for that retreat. In addition, it was suggested that representatives from the teaching staff could make reports to the board and it was also suggested that the board review the current board committee structure and process to determine if any changes need to be made.

FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss personnel (the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body) at 7:46 pm. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED
SESSION

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to return to open session at 10:07 pm. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Anderson, seconded by B. Arnold to approve the retirement of Dale Buss as the WCES Principal effective at the end of his 2011-12 contract as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

D. BUSS –
RETIRE

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to accept the resignation of Drew Breeden as a WCMS special education teacher effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

D. BREEDEN –
RESIG

Motion by Anderson, seconded by J. Arnold to accept the resignation of Richard Dwyer as WCHS assistant principal effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried

R. DWYER –
RESIG

Motion by Robbins, seconded by J. Arnold to employ Mrs. Tara Hanson as Principal of West Central Elementary School beginning July 1, 2012 and continuing through June 30, 2014 as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE – T.
HANSON –
WCES PRINC

Motion by Robbins, seconded by John to employ Mr. Jeff Nichols as Principal of West Central Middle School beginning July 1, 2012 and continuing through June 30, 2015 as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE – J.
NICHOLS –
WCMS PRINC

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Anderson to employ Jennifer Hensley as a long term substitute for Carrie Todd at the daily rate of \$120 per day as presented. Roll call: Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye. Motion carried.

J. HENSLEY
SUB

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by John to accept the resignation of Stephanie Higgins as WCHS girls track coach effective immediately as presented. Roll call: John, aye; Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

RESIG – S.
HIGGINS HS
TRACK

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff to employ Alex Davis as WCHS girls track coach as presented. Roll call: Robbins, aye; Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE – A.
DAVIS HS
TRACK

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goff to employ Roger Kerfoot as WCHS boys baseball coach as presented. Roll call: Anderson, aye; B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, aye; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, aye; Robbins, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE –
KERFOOT BBB

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by Anderson to employ Mr. Ralph Grimm as District Superintendent beginning July 1, 2012 and continuing through June 30, 2017 as presented. Roll call: B. Arnold, aye; J. Arnold, nay; Brent, aye; Goff, aye; John, nay; Robbins, nay; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE – R.
GRIMM – SUPT

FUTURE MEETINGS

The board's next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria and will begin at 6 pm.

FUTURE
MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by B. Arnold, seconded by J. Arnold to adjourn at 10:18 pm. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2012.

Lonnie Brent, Board President

Paul Anderson, Board Secretary